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Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR COMMUNICATING STATE  
INFORMATION USING VERTICAL BLANKING INTERVAL**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111**Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Following the Office Action dated August 28, 2002, please amend the above-identified patent application as indicated below.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please cancel claims 6, 16 and 23 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend the claims to be as follows. Marked-up versions of the amended claims are provided in the attached Appendix.

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1. (Once Amended) A system, comprising:

a signal processor for receiving a signal to be processed; and

an information handling system for receiving an output signal provided by said

signal processor, the output signal being representative of at least a portion of the input signal, wherein said information-handling system provides a control signal to said signal processor and said signal processor encodes data onto the output signal in response to the control signal such that the encoded data is decodable by said information handling system;

wherein the output signal provided by said signal processor is a video signal, and the data is encoded onto a vertical blanking interval of the output signal.